

Tonto Basin Community Meeting 7-3-2018

Meeting Start: 5:00 PM

Meeting End: 6:14 PM

4 Residents attended

County: Supervisor Humphrey and Terry Links

Gila County:

- Supervisor Humphrey gave introductions.
- Supervisor Humphrey went over the tourism website the County is creating that will promote Gila County nationwide as a tourism destination.
- Supervisor updated residents on Public Works schedule, work on roads has slowed down due to the fire danger but will resume once fire season has passed.
- Supervisor went over the Tonto Basin crossings blading. Gila County can't use water from Tonto Creek for blading due to habitat impact. The County purchases water from Payson Concrete at the cost of \$10 per 1,000 gallons.
- Supervisor advised residents of the rabies issue in Gila County. Two animals have been confirmed to have rabies and a man was attacked by a bobcat near Roosevelt.
- Supervisor gave update on 2nd one-dollar dump day.
Payson – 89.44 tons with 210 customers
Globe – 195.18 tons with 381 customers

Sgt. Don Engler / Gila County Sheriff's Department

- Sgt. Valenzuela shared the phone number for the Air Force should residents need to report low flyovers. Sgt. Engler reported that the SO had received 60 calls for service in Tonto Basin and 59 calls for Roosevelt. Included in the calls were 10 calls for Lake rescues, 34 contacts and 12 warnings were issued on the lake. One ATV stop resulted in the discovery of a theft ring for ATV's.
- Sgt. Engler recently attended Supervisor Training and Deputy Smith attended training to be an Instructor.
- The Sheriff's Posse will be in the area both the weekend prior to the 4th and the weekend following the 4th for additional law enforcement presence.
- Sgt. Engler is looking into a zipline across Tonto Creek to reduce response time during a flood.
- Sgt. Engler shared that on June 26th the Sheriff's Dive Team did a mock rescue and were able to recover the mock victim.

Open Discussion:

- Residents discussed water issues in the area. Residents are concerned that the State is trying to take over their water rights.
- Lack of dependable cell phone service was brought up. Residents are concerned that they can't call 911 when they have an emergency.
- Residents mentioned that they have had several recent power outages lasting up to 5 hours.
- The bridge issue was brought up again. Supervisor pointed out that he has never promised a bridge. He further pointed out that in order to get a bridge, a special tax district may need to be set up.
- A resident brought up a problem with loose dogs in the area. Resident stated that the dogs are not fenced in or on leashes. They are aggressive, and the resident would like animal control to look into the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM